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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY, AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

High HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

BOSTON, *July* 3.

A PRIZE taken by capt. Day, in the General Mifflin, arrived at a ſafe port at the eaſtward yeſterday ſe'nnight She was taken two days before their time was out with the continent. The prize was bound from London to New York; her cargo conſiſts of ſalt, about 200 quarter caſks of ſherry, about 300 caſks of raiſins, and 30 or 40 tierces of bark, containing about 4000 wt.

The following letter from a houſe in London *to a perſon in* New York, *dated* London, *April* 1777, *was taken in the above prize.*

"It is incumbent upon us to lay before you, without reſerve, our opinion upon the preſent ſtate of affairs, in order that we may be prepared for whatever may be the event. You who are upon the ſpot have an opportunity of judging, with more preciſion than we, of the ſtate of the campaign in America; we ſhall not therefore venture an opinion on that head. But as opinions differ ſo much upon it, we may be allowed to form conjectures. We muſt apologiſe for ours, becauſe you will find them differ from the general opinion; but as that is formed upon the accounts which government think proper to publiſh, we may, without being ſcepticks, be allowed to combine thoſe accounts with others, and form our own conjectures. If we ſhould be miſtaken, we ſhall have ſuffered no loſs or inconveniencies from it, but, *vice verſa*, if the generality ſhould err in their concluſions, a number of the preſent adventurers muſt be ruined, who have anticipated events by the ſanguinneſs of their ideas. They muſt have imagined and believed the whole continent to be in a ſtate of nature, and the trade of your place the reverſe of what you deſcribe it; whereas we, who ſee through a different mirror, have ventured to view the proſpect more minutely, and to conſider what conſequences might enſue by a farther prolongation of this unhappy diſpute. From every circumſtance we can collect, from our own obſervation, from the information of thoſe who have inveſtigated the ſubject from the beginning of our diſputes with America, we have no doubt (ſuppoſing the preſent campaign to be as ineffectual as the laſt) that the colonies will remain independent, and be acknowledged independent ſtates in the ſame manner as the Seven Provinces by Philip II. A federal union in that caſe would in time heal all animoſities, and eventually, perhaps, prove the means of awing the powers of France and Spain, more than a general confederacy among all the northern nations collectively. New and ſtrange as this doctrine may appear, we ſhould think we were deficient in our regard to you if we did not at leaſt ſuggeſt to you the poſſibility of ſuch an event happening. The reaſoning upon it is not criminal; we ſhould not be ſuſpected by thoſe who know us of being deficient in our regard to this country, and in point of intereſt we muſt wiſh for a *ſtatu quo*. But wiſhes will neither determine one way or the other. It behoves us to conſider the ſubject in its conſequences, and to be prepared for whatever may happen. If the colonies ſhould ſubmit and return to their allegiance, we ſhall reſume our uſual operations of trade. But ſuppoſe the contrary, are we to neglect taking ſo great a circumſtance into conſideration, and communicating to each other our ideas upon the new ſyſtem of trade your colonies would be likely to adopt by being declared independent ſtates?

"This country would loſe ſome branches of its trade, but would preſerve its ſtaple, the woollens and other articles. America would then carry its produce directly to foreign markets, and receive from thence their produce in return. In that particular, we ſhould be leſs ſufferers than other American houſes, who have no connexion with France. For ſuch contracts as we formerly had, the French muſt employ ſome agents here; at the ſame time, private adventurers would be ſending their produce to France as before. So far it would make no material alteration to us; but the connexion between America and the French iſlands would be productive of a very material alteration, and a new ſyſtem of trade. By the time you receive this letter, you will be able to judge whether theſe ideas are quite ſo extravagant as they would have appeared to you at this inſtant. If you ſhould find that the campaign is likely to laſt longer than this year, let us entreat you to take into your moſt ſerious conſideration the ſubject before you, and, when you have weighed it properly, to favour us with your opinion at large as to the new ſyſtem which you apprehend would take place in point of the trade of your colonies in Europe and the Weſt Indies, carrying with you, that we, by our extenſive connexions in France, may be aſſiſting in both; that is to ſay, when it can be done legally, for neither you nor we will ever attempt any trade that is otherwiſe"

ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be SOLD, on Thurſday *the* 14*th of* Auguſt, *on the premiſes*,

FIVE hundred and fourteen acres of valuable land, being the major part of the tract whereon *Robert Eſtes*, deceaſed, lately lived, and upon which *Lunenburg* courthouſe ſtands. It will be ſold either in parcels, or altogether, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſers; and the terms will be agreed on at the day of ſale.

ROBERT ESTES,
ELISHA ESTES, } executors.
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STRAYED or STOLEN from *Blandford*, in *Prince George*, a gray horſe 4 feet 1 or 2 inches high, has a remarkable large head, a cut in the near ear with a knife, and branded on the near ſhoulder and buttock A. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to me, in *Peterſburg*, ſhall have *TEN DOLLARS* reward.

‖ WILLIAM HORTON.

Northampton, *July* 19. 1777.

I INTEND to leave the ſtate of *Virginia* within three weeks, and to return in 12 months from this date.

1‖ GEORGE DEWEY.

THOMAS VAUGHAN NANCE, who enliſted with me in col. *Harriſon's* train of artillery, is ordered to repair to *York* immediately, or he will be deemed a deſerter. H. PRYOR, lieut.

Alexandria, *July* 20, 1777.

FOR ſale, a *PILOT BOAT* about 500 buſhels burthen, with two good ſails, and well found with rigging, &c. She ſails remarkably faſt. For terms apply to JOHN MILLS.

POWHATAN, *July* 13, 1777.

FIVE hundred barrels of *FLOUR*, and ten thouſand weight of *BACON*, will be ſold at publick auction, on *Monday* the 11th of *Auguſt*, before mr. *Galt's* door in *Richmond* town, for ready money.

JOHN MAYO.

WHEREAS ſome perſons have made themſelves ſo mean as to ſay they ſaw me advertiſed as having received the bounty of one of the *Georgia* officers, and failed to appear, from which report it has become a general talk that I was a deſerter. Now, if it can be made appear that I ever received ſuch bounty, I am willing to ſerve as ordinance directs, and ſhall be in the county of *Amherſt* till this diſpute is ended.

1‖ DRURY ALFORD.

TAKEN up by the *Lewis* galley, 3 miles without *Smith's* iſland, now lying at *Queen's* creek, near *Williamsburg*, a veſſel about 30 tuns burthen, full of water, without rigging, ſails, or cargo; ſhe has been rigged as a ſloop, and her decks are much damaged by the enemy. The owner, if any, is deſired to apply to

‖ CELEY SAUNDERS, capt. of the *Lewis*.

FOURTEEN hundred gallons of very good *St. Croix* RUM, and a few pieces of CANVAS, will be ſold to the higheſt bidder, at *Portſmouth*, on *Thurſday* the 21ſt inſtant (*Auguſt*) for ready money.

‖ SAMUEL BARRON CUNNINGHAM.

NOW in the ſubſcriber's poſſeſſion, at *Sleepy Hole* in *Nanſemond* county, 40 barrels of *FLOUR*, which were delivered to me in *June* 1776, by order of mr. *Joſeph Hawkins*, then commiſſary to the 5th regiment of *Virginia* troops; which I ſhall ſell to pay ſtorage, unleſs it be applied for very ſoon.

‖ LEWIS ALLMAND.

FOUND in the road near *Petersville* church, in *Cumberland* county, a kind of paper POCKET BOOK with a ſmall ſum of money in it. The owner may have it by giving ſatisfactory proof of his property, and applying to the ſubſcriber living in the upper end of ſaid county, and paying charges.

1‖ JOSEPH MICHAUX.

PHILADELPHIA, *July* 22.

Extract of a letter from general WASHINGTON *to* CONGRESS, *dated camp at the* Clove, *July* 16, 1777.

SIR,

I BEG leave to congratulate Congress on the captivity of major general Prescott, and one of his aids de camp. The particulars of this fortunate event you will find in the enclosed extract of a letter this minute received from general Spencer, which I presume are at large in the packet mr. Greenleaf will deliver. Lieut. col. Barton, with the small handful under his command, who conducted the enterprise, have great merit."

Extract of a letter from major general Spencer, *dated* Providence, *July* 11, 1777.

SIR,

I HAVE the pleasure to congratulate your Honour, and the Hon Continental Congress, on the late success of lieut. col. Barton, who, with the number of 40, including captains Adams and Philips, and a number of brave officers, last night went on Rhode island, and brought off major general Prescott, and major William Barrington, one of his aids de camp, and the sentry at the general's door, all that were at the general's quarters. This was done with such prudence that no alarm was given to the enemy until our party had got near to the main, on their return. They are now in this town.

Col. Barton went with his party in four whaleboats from Warwick neck, about ten miles by water, to the west side of the island, landed about halfway from Newport to Bristol ferry, then marched one mile to the general's quarters, returned again to Warwick, and had the good fortune to escape the discovery of the enemy's guard boats, although several ships of war lay round in those parts. Several attempts of this nature have been made without any loss on our side, and with some small success. The above named capt. Philips, some time since, with a party of about 200, brought off one ensign Clark of the 43d regiment, now a prisoner. Another party attacked one of the enemy's guards, dispersed them, killed three, and wounded one. We have had several deserters from the British regiments."

Published by order of Congress,

CHARLES THOMSON, sec'ry.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in *Bourdeaux*, to his friend in this city, dated *May* 17, 1777.

"*I have the honour of advising you of our arrival in this city in good health, after having been two months on the road, and suffered all those blasts Neptune when irritated is capable of inflicting. We took it for the* 18*th of April, the other side of the Azores, that left Glasgow the* 4*th of the same month; she had on board two passengers, one of which was a minister going to Cape Chamblain. The ship was going to Boston; this same minister told us news the most disagreeable, viz.*

"*That the count D'Artois, the king's brother, was in London very well received at that court, and probably was adjusting measures to reduce the continent of America; that mr. Deane had wrote a very spirited letter to lord Stormont, ambassadour at our court, proposing to him an exchange of some prisoners he named, for others detained in England, and that the terms of this letter being very spirited, the said lord had sent the same to his court, who returned it to him, ordering him to show it to mr. De St. Germaine, and demand satisfaction for so great an insolence offered an ambassadour; that in this interval mr. Deane had been assassinated in his coach between Paris and Versailles, upon which mr. Franklin having solicited the court to make search after the murderers, he had received orders to leave Paris in* 24 *hours, and France in four days, in consequence it was believed he was gone to Vienna. Moreover, that all American vessels had received orders to go out and evacuate all the ports of France, and that all that might in future arrive should not stay more than* 24 *hours. We believed, sir, this news, the rather because the Glasgow gazettes were produced, which positively asserted it. The remainder of our voyage was passed in the greatest sorrow, but we were agreeably surprised, when, upon our arrival, we learned the contrary, and that all the news was as favourable as could be expected, a declaration of war excepted. The news is, that messr. Franklin and Deane are well, and always well received at court, both by prince and lords. Your gentlemen at Paris have commissioned three privateers, and one of them has taken a packet boat (so says a private letter from Amsterdam) which a merchant showed me yesterday on the exchange. We did not know to what to attribute the detention of the letters of the* 29*th of April from London, but we just learn that the packet boat which carried them was taken the* 2*d of this month, at half after* 8 *at night, by an American privateer, as high as Gravesend, near the southern point of Holyhead. He discharged the passengers and crew, but he has brought in the vessel, effects, and mail, directed for this country, Germany, and the North. The mail was escorted by an officer of the American privateer, and conducted to Paris, where it is supposed it was given to the American envoys there."*

Extract of a letter from the same place, *May* 17.

"*I have just seen a private letter dated the* 12*th of this month, from Brest, which says, to morrow a fleet of* 13 *sail of the line will leave this port, their destination unknown.*"

Extract of a letter from *France*, May 19.

"*There are two prizes taken by capt. Gustavus Cunningham, and sent into Dunkirk, one of them a Harwich packet, bound to Helvoetsluys, on board of which they took the mail and a king's messenger, also* 10,000*l. sterling in specie, all which they took proper care of. Several merchant vessels are arrived here and at Bourdeaux, loaded with tobacco; their names I do not know.*"

We cannot learn that the enemy are yet certainly moved from New York, but by an officer from Amboy we are informed there remained only 3000 British troops on Staten island; and that between 80 and 90 sail of vessels left Sandy Hook last Friday, but whether any troops were on board we cannot find.

General Washington, with his whole army, are moving towards the North river, to watch the motions of mr. Howe.

WILLIAMSBURG, *August* 1.

BY capt. Pasteur, who left St. Eustatia about the middle of July, we learn that an account had arrived there from St. Kitt's, just before he sailed, that commodore Manley's squadron had fallen in with the Windward island homeward bound fleet, consisting of 60 sail, and taken two thirds of them.

A gentleman in two days from Baltimore likewise says, that Congress had just received advice of his having taken the British frigate Fox of 28 guns, after a long and obstinate engagement; wherein his own ship was so much shattered that he found it necessary to send her into port, and had hoisted his pendant on board his prize, to pursue his operations against the enemy.

General LEE, we have the pleasure to inform the publick, is in good health and spirits, although a close prisoner on board the Centurion man of war; but the exploit of col. Barton, in seizing and bringing off, *with so much address and gallantry*, the British major general Prescott, will no doubt secure his enlargement in a very short time, and restore our brave old general to the bosom of his friends.

My dear Countrymen,

I AM quite unhappy when I think how backward you have lately been to enlist into the six new regiments, and how glorious an opportunity we have lost thereby of even finishing the war at a stroke; and I am extremely hurt when I think what a handle this backwardness gives to our enemies to say, that we have either lost our spirits, and are on the point of giving up to them, or are grown too mercenary to serve even for the high bounty and pay now given. How must they rejoice too when they hear that we are under the necessity of draughting the militia, if their is, as some say, a discontentin several counties on that account? For God's sake, my countrymen, add not the reproach of being disobedient to the sacred laws of your country that of having been backward in her defence. No!--- God forbid that this should be said. Anticipate the draught; enlist cheerfully, or at least submit to be draughted without murmuring; show your enemies, that what they have laughed at may prove their destruction, and that you will not meanly skulk at home when they dare you to the field. You will thereby show them your ready obedience to the laws of your country, and determined resolution to preserve your present constitution inviolate, than which nothing will confound them more, or sooner induce them to give over their attempts against us, and oblige them to abandon their fond hopes of seeing us enslaved, by becoming weak through discontent and divisions amongst ourselves. I am, wishing you a glorious victory over your enemies, and the fullest enjoyment of your liberties, with every earthly happiness, your sincere friend and most obedient. *A* VIRGINIAN.

To be SOLD at *York* town, on *Saturday* the 16th of *August*,

THE Scorpion *sloop, burthen between* 50 *and* 60 *tuns*, Bermudian *built, and a very fast sailer, with all her sails, rigging, materials*, &c. *an inventory of which may be seen by applying at the publick store in* Williamsburg. *For farther particulars inquire of capt.* Wright Westcott, *on board.*

WILLIAM AYLETT, A. C. V.

THE *continental* LOAN OFFICE, *established by order of the General Congress, is opened at the publick store in this city, for the purpose of borrowing money for the use of the* American *states. No certificates are to be given for less than* 200 *dollars, and the lender will be entitled to an annual interest of* 6 *per centum, to be paid at the said office.*

W. ARMISTEAD. commissioner.

To be SOLD at publick vendue, on Friday *the* 8*th instant, before mr.* Anderson's *tavern in* Williamsburg, *for ready money,*

SIX hundred yards of CHECKS, 270 yards of *Irish* LINEN, 15 dozen mens and womens worsted, thread, and yarn stockings, and 10 dozen mens and boys felt HATS. The sale to begin at 10 o'clock.

LOST some time in *April*, between *Suffolk* and *Williamsburg*, two *TICKETS* in the *STATES LOTTERY*, No. 33 953 and 33 954. I will give two dollars to the person who finds and delivers them to col. *John Wilson* of *Norfolk* county, or the subscriber on board the ship *Caswell*. WILLIS WILSON.

GLOUCESTER, *July* 26, 1777.

ALL persons having any just demands against the estate of mrs. *Rebekah Rowe*, deceased, late of *Gloucester* county, are desired to make them known, and prove their accounts on or before the 12th of *August* next; at which time will be sold, at the plantation of *Zachariah Rowe*, for ready money, the stock of cattle, sheep, some household furniture, &c. to discharge the debts due from the said estate.

ZACHARIAH ROWE.
JASPER ROWE.

To be LET,

THE building of *BARRACKS* at *York*, of dimenſions ſufficient to accommodate 250 men. Such perſons as may be willing to undertake the work are deſired to attend the Council Board at the Capitol, in the city of *Williamsburg*, with their propoſals, on the 13th day of this month.

By order of the Council.

ARCH: BLAIR, clerk.

Auguſt 1, 1777.

Williamſburg, *Auguſt* 1, 1777.

SOME time laſt *October* a perſon in this city purchaſed two caſks of *BUTTER*, at 1s. *per* pound, from a waggon then ſtanding near the Poſt Office. The owner of the butter was at the ſame time directed to call for his money, but having neglected ſo to do, and being unknown to the purchaſer, he is hereby notified, that by inquiring of the printer he may be informed where to apply for payment, when it is expected he will produce an account of the weight perfectly correſponding with that in the poſſeſſion of the ſaid purchaſer, and alſo defray the expenſe of this adverti ſement.

To be SOLD, on the premiſes, to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on Wedneſday *the* 20th *of* Auguſt,

A TRACT of land in *Amelia* county, containing 200 acres, lying on the branches of *Appamattox*, within one mile of the river, and about 28 miles above *Peterſburg*. It is exceeding good for tobacco, wheat, and corn, and there is a ſufficient quantity cleared to work 6 or 7 hands to great advantage. Upon the land is a good dwelling-houſe 28 by 16 with two rooms below, and other neceſſary houſes, two good framed barns 32 by 20, and a good apple and peach orchard. The ſituation is pleaſant and healthy, there are ſeveral good ſprings, and the range is inferiour to none in the country. Any perſon inclinabe to view the land may ſee it by applying to the ſubſcriber on the premiſes, or be ſhewn it on the day of ſale.

‖ GEORGE TUCKER.

LOST by the ſubſcriber, on *Friday* the 4th inſtant (*July*) a red morrocco leather POCKET BOOK with about 28l paper currency, beſides accounts and other papers of conſequence to the amount of 100l. and upwards. One was a 5l. bill of the *James* river bank, alſo a 30 dollar bill, one of 10, one of 8, one of 7, and one of 6 dollars; their numbers I do not recollect, nor the denomination of the other bills. The evening of the day on which I loſt the book I went to mr. *John Kerby's*, in the lower end of *Charles* pariſh, *York* county, which is within a mile of the place where I live. After ſtaying about an hour I got upon my horſe, and had not rode five paces before I miſſed the book out of my pocket. Whoever delivers it to me, and the contents, ſhall have TEN POUNDS reward.

‖ THOMAS HANSFORD, ſen.

DESERTED from my company formerly commanded by capt. *Patteſon*, of the 6th *Virginia* regiment, *John Childreſs*, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, of a red complexion, has yellow hair, and gray eyes. Whoever apprehends the ſaid deſerter, and delivers him to me in *Lunenburg* county, or to any continental officer, ſhall receive *TEN DOLLARS* reward. *Henry Still*, who was ſick in *Buckingham* county when the regiment marched to *New Jerſey*, and *John Williams*, who was left ſick at *Tawxy* town in *Maryland*, are hereby expreſsly ordered forthwith to repair to ſome continental officer marching to the grand camp, in order to join their regiment; otherwiſe they muſt expect to be conſidered as deſerters, and treated accordingly.

2‖ JOHN STOKES, lieut.
6th *Virginia* regiment.

HUNGTINTOUR, *June* 30, 1777.

FOR ſale, on very reaſonable terms, about 1200 acres of very rich *TOBACCO LAND*, on each ſide *Great Ducker's* creek, in the lower end of *Buckingham* county, near *Appamattox* river. On this land is a well built houſe having two rooms on a floor, with a porch, neceſſary outhouſes, and an excellent young orchard. I really do not know any richer high ground than is on this tract. Alſo a plantation, with a good orchard, on each ſide of *Little Willis's* creek, and about 1000 acres of good land. On both places is great plenty of good meadow land, and fine range for ſtock. I believe no place in *Virginia* is healthier than hereabouts.----I would rent a place called the *New Store*, where capt. *Johns* lives. There is a good dwelling-houſe with 5 rooms on the lower floor, a merchant's houſe, a ſtorehouſe, &c. It is a very fine place for a ſtore or ordinary, lying within ſight of where the great *Buckingham* road joins the *Guinea* road, and there are no other roads leading to our extenſive back country nearer than thoſe by *Buckingham* and *Prince Edward* courthouſes.---I have not the leaſt doubt but *Appamattox* river will be cleared in a ſhort time, and I hope our next Aſſembly will take it into their conſideration. Tobacco has been carried above this place to col. *Baniſter's* mill, and the canoe men ſay it is a much better river to carry tobacco down than *James* river.---I will allow a reaſonable credit for part of the money. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe one or both of the above mentioned places, who will come and view the land, I dare ſay would not heſitate to give me the price I ſhould aſk. The land joins the tract I live on. An indiſputable title will be made to the premiſes. Poſſeſſion will be given of the firſt and third place at *Chriſtmas*, and of the other place in *October*.--- *** I ſhall adverti ſe this land but three times.

‖ ANTHONY WINSTON.

RUN away from the foundery at *Weſtham* in *Henrico* county, about the firſt of *May* laſt, *TOM*, *OLIVER*, and *NASSAU*, three likely young negro men belonging to the publick, and purchaſed of *Charles Carter*, eſq; from his eſtate in *Lancaſter* county, where they are ſuppoſed to be gone. *Tom* is a tall well made fellow, *Oliver* of the middle ſize, and *Naſſau* rather ſhort and very thick. Whoever will deliver the ſaid negroes to mr. *John Reveley* at ſaid foundery, or to either of the ſubſcribers, ſhall have 40s. reward for each.

RICHARD ADAMS.
NATHANIEL WILKINSON.
TURNER SOUTHALL.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber in Frederickſburg, *the* 10th *of this inſtant* (July) *a likely bay horſe 5 years old, 4 feet 9 inches high, paces, trots, and gallops, has a large blaze in his face, hanging mane and long ſwitch tail, a white ſpot on his breaſt, occaſioned by tar being put on him, has had a fiſtula, and his near hind leg is white. Whoever brings him to me ſhall have FIVE DOLLAS reward, and reaſonable expenſes.* 2‖ *JOHN WELCH.*

TAKEN up in *Mecklenburg*, on *Roanoke* river, a ſorrel horſe 11 or 12 years old, 4 feet 6 or 7 inches high, with a blaze face, ſhod round, branded on the near buttock C, and had a bell on. Poſted, and appraiſed to 11l.

‖ *Thomas Jones*, jun.

TAKEN up in *Stafford*, near *Aquia*, a dark bay horſe near 14 hands and a half high, 3 years old, has a ſtar in his forehead, appears to be juſt broke, trots and gallops, and branded on the near buttock X. Poſted, and appraiſed to 30l.

‖ *John Murray.*

For SALE,

ON *Saturday* the 23d inſtant (*Auguſt*) before mr. *Robert Nicolſon's* ſtore in this city, 250 dozen of linen handkerchiefs, and upwards of 100 wt. of fine jeſuits bark; the handkerchiefs to be put up in lots of a dozen, &c. and the medicine by the ſingle pound, to ſuit purchaſers,

(2) NORTON & BEALE.

☞ We will purchaſe BILLS of EXCHANGE, on any part of *Europe* or the *Weſt Indies*, at an exchange to be agreed on. The money to be paid as ſoon as they are accepted; and if proteſted, the drawers not to be liable to damages.

COMMITTED to *Halifax* jail in *North Carolina*, a negro fellow who calls himſelf JACK, and ſays that his maſter's name is *John Williams*, who lived at *Stumpy Point* in *Currituck*, but is now gone on board of a king's ſhip. He is about 5 feet 6 inches high, about 28 years old, is branded on the right breaſt M, and on the left with MM in a piece. The owner is deſired to ſend for him, pay charges, and take him away. 1‖ SAMUEL DUFFEY.

THE ſteward and collectors of the COLLEGE revenues are deſired immediately to ſend to John Tazewell, *eſq; burſar, a particular ſtate of their accounts; and all ſurveyors in arrears are required to come and ſettle the ſame by the laſt of* October, *or they may depend on having their commiſſions ſuperſeded.*

JOHN BRACKEN, clerk of the meeting.

TO be SOLD to the higheſt bidder on *Thurſday* the 7th of *Auguſt*, a quantity of SALT, to be ſold in ſmall quantities, for the convenience of the purchaſers. The ſale to be at *Oſborne's* warehouſe, on *James* river.

2‖ BASS TANNER & co.

Williamſburg, *July* 23, 1777.

PURSUANT to an order of *York* county court, appointing us to agree with ſome perſon to make the creek navigable through the ſtone bridge lately erected at the *Capitol Landing*, and to ſtop up the creek where the old bridge now ſtands, we give this publick notice, that we ſhall proceed to let the ſaid work, to the loweſt bidder, on *Wedneſday* the 6th of next month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the *Capitol Landing*.

DUDLEY DIGGES.
JOHN BLAIR.
DAVID JAMESON.
WILLIAM GRAVES.
JOHN TAZEWELL.

Williamſburg, *July* 25, 1777.

THE ſubſcribers not having it in their power, with conveniency, to ſettle and collect their partnerſhip and private accounts, they have authoriſed and empowered *William Pelham* to ſettle and collect the ſame, and we hope thoſe indebted to us will diſcharge their reſpective accounts in a reaſonable time; and thoſe we are indebted to are ordered to call for their money.

We have for ſale an aſſortment of patent medicines, among them a few dozen of Dr. *Norris's* antimonial drops, ſo uſeful in moſt bilious complaints, alſo a quantity of jeſuits bark, rhubarb, ipecacuanha, manna, and ſaltpetre, for ready money only. PASTEUR & GALT.

WANTED immediately, 3 or 4 good *HOUSE CARPENTERS*, alſo 4 or 5 *NEGRO CARPENTERS*; for which good wages will be given by applying to me in *Williamſburg*. F. JAHAM.

SIX dollars reward for taking up and delivering *PATTY*, a ſmooth coloured negro woman, pitted with the ſmall-pox, about 30 years of age, walks well, and generally faſt, is rather above the middle ſize, well ſhaped, a good ſempſtreſs, and dreſſes neatly. J. SYME.

BY *instructions from the managers of the* UNITED STATES LOTTERY, *I am authorised to inform the publick, that the drawing of the said lottery will begin in* Philadelphia *on the* 11*th of* August *next, and that the sale of the tickets will be stopped in this state on the* 16*th of the same month. All persons who have the interest of the said states at heart, and are willing to promote it by becoming adventurers in the lottery, will be pleased to apply for tickets in proper time.* GEO: WEBB.

COMMITTED to *York* jail, the 8th of this instant (*July*) a *French* negro man named *John*, who says he ran away from the brig *Northampton*, capt. *Bright*, and that he is a freeman. The owner (if any) is desired to apply for him, and pay charges to

LAURENCE SMITH, sub sheriff.

FREDERICKSBURG, *July* 8, 1777.

WHEREAS I advertised in the publick papers, for three weeks successively, in the month of *November* 1775, a negro wench named FAN, or DINAH, who had run away from *John Timberlake* near *Winchester*, from whom I have received sundry letters, informing me that he would send for her, and in his last letter mentions that she is the property of *Charles Tompkins*, esq; of *Glouceſter* county, and it is said belongs to an orphan boy to whom *John Timberlake* is guardian, I hereby desire whoever is her owner to send for her, take her away, and pay charges.

JOHN HAZLEGROVE.

FOR sale, a tract of land of about 1500 acres, upon *Nottoway* river, adjacent to *Freeman's* bridge, in *Sussex* county, whereon are the following improvements, *viz.* A mansion neatly finished, underpinned with brick chimnies, two rooms below and two above, with passages, a deep dry cellar under the whole, bricked from the foundation, the floor laid with tile, and a chimney at one end. Another house, with two rooms below, the one for a kitchen, the other for a laundry, the room above the extent of the house, for servants lodgings, a portico in the front the whole length of the building, the whole well underpinned, and a stack of chimnies in the middle. There are also all necessary outhouses, with a garden, a most excellent apple orchard of forward and latter fruits for making brandy and the best cider, of which all visiters of the late mr. *Hartwell Marrable*, who in his lifetime owned and resided on this seat, had pleasing proof; and there is cleared ground, under good fences, for 6 or 8 hands. The terms, which will be made easy to a purchaser, may be known by applying to col. *Herbert Claiborne* of *King William*, or to me in *Sussex* county.

WILL; CLAIBORNE, jun.

DESERTED from *Williamsburg*, the 1st instant, *John Kennedy*, a soldier in my company of artillery. He is well made, about 5 feet 8 inches high, of a dark complexion, had on a brown coat and breeches, and a half worn hat. The other articles of his dress are unknown. Twenty dollars will be given for the above deserter, if delivered to the commanding officer of artillery at *York* or *Portsmouth*.

WILLIAM WATERS, capt. artillery.

STRAYED or *STOLEN* the 3d instant, at night, out of my pasture, a very likely dark bay mare, about 15 hands high, hanging mane and long switch tail, no brand, paces, trots, and gallops. Whoever will bring the said mare to me, in *Petersburg*, shall have 40s. reward.

W. BRADLEY.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Charles City*, on the 12th of this instant (*July*) a dark mulatto fellow named SAM, about 25 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, and stout made; had on, and took with him, green *Virginia* cloth jacket and breeches, 3 cotton and linen shirts, green broadcloth jacket, a pair of black thickset breeches, 3 pair of worsted stockings, a light coloured sagathy coat, a straw hat, with shoes and buckles. Whoever apprehends the said slave, and conveys him to me, near col. *Harrison's* mill, shall have 5l. reward, if within a month from this date. JOHN KENT.

FOR sale, a fine brigantine on the stocks, which may be launched in one month, burthen about 170 tuns, calculated to carry 12 or 14 carriage guns, besides swivels, and being built for a privateer, it is expected will sail remarkably fast. Her timber is well seasoned, and more than common pains have been taken in the building. She is better calculated for a vessel of force, sailing fast, and for burthen, than any one yet fitted out of this commonwealth. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms, and be shewn the vessel (on *East* river, in *Glouceſter* county) by applying to

(4) DIXON & TARB.

Mr PURDIE,

THE publick are grosly imposed upon by a number of persons who carry up and down the rivers and bay quantities of the inferiour kind of *COAL*, which they sell for the coal drawn out of *Samuel Du Val's* pits. The weight and colour of the inferiour coal are considerably lighter than *Du Val's*, and more slate in it.

To be LET to the lowest bidder, on the first day of *August*, being *Chesterfield* court day,

THE *building a PRISON for that county, a plan of which will be produced on that day. Bond and security, for the punctual performance of the work, will be required.*

ARCHIBALD CARY.
ABRAHAM SALLE.
THOMAS WORSHAM.
THOMAS BOLLING.
BENJAMIN BRANCH.
JOHN ARCHER.

To be SOLD, on Thursday *the* 18*th of* August *next, at the* Warm Springs *in* Berkeley *county*,

ALL the lots in the town of *Bath*, at the said springs, pursuant to an act of Assembly passed in *November* last. Attendance will be given at the time and place aforesaid by 8 The TRUSTEES.

WANTED, a manager for a considerable concern in the *TRADING WAY*. Any person well qualified, and can come well recommended, may meet with good encouragement by applying to the subscriber, living near *Richmond* town, in *Henrico*.

ISAAC YOUNGHUSBAND.

STRAYED or STOLEN from *Falmouth*, the 22d of *June* last, two valuable horses. One a rusty black, 5 or 6 years old, upwards of 15 hands high, with hanging mane and long tail, his left hind foot white, trots and gallops, is rather dull, but very apt to start, low in flesh, and his shoes have been lately taken off before. The other a bay, 4 years old last spring, about 14 hands high, with hanging mane and sprig tail, trots, paces, and gallops well, shod before, and branded, I think on the near buttock, with a flower de luce. Whoever contrives them to me shall have FIVE POUNDS reward.

DANIEL TRIPLETT.

July 17, 1777.

THE trustees of *John Randolph*, esq; the late attorney general, being anxious to wind up his affairs, request all persons indebted for goods bought at the sale to make immediate payment, the bonds having been due some time; and such of the creditors as have not already done so are requested to give in their claims, without loss of time, to

JOHN BLAIR.
JAMES COCKE.

COATING, *Congo TEA, WHISKEY*, three likely *MARES* with foal, *&c*, to be sold by the subscriber in *Waller* street, *Williamsburg*.

PATRICK ROBERTSON.

DESERTED from the *Manly* galley, *Thomas Glen*, a marine, who formerly enlisted under capt. *John Catesby Cocke*, and was put on board by the commodore. He is tall, and slim made; had on when he went away, a yellow *Virginia* cloth coat, and yellow striped cotton trousers. Whoever delivers the said deserter on board the *Manly* galley, or secures him so that I get him again, shall have *TEN DOLLARS* reward.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

TAKEN up in *Stafford*, on *Acquia*, three strays, *viz.* A bay horse about 11 years old, 15 hands high, much galled with a collar, and branded on the off shoulder and buttock S S. A bay horse about 14 hands high, with a small star in his forehead, neither dockt nor branded. A dun coloured pacing mare about 13 hands high, 5 years old, her mane and tail of a whitish colour, and branded on the near shoulder and buttock P. Posted and appraised, the first bay horse to 15l. the other to 10l. and the dun mare to 6l.

Yelverton Peyton.

TAKEN up in *Cumberland*, two strays, *viz.* A bay horse about 4 feet 5 inches high, about 16 years old, has several saddle spots, trots and gallops, and branded on the off shoulder with a stirrup iron. A bay mare about 4 feet 6 inches high, appears to be two years old, has a few white hairs in her forehead, branded on the near buttock W, but not dockt. Posted and appraised, the horse to 3l. and the mare to 15l.

Nathan Chaffin.

TAKEN up in *Stafford*, two stray horses, *viz.* A dark brown, about 8 years old, 15 hands high, with a small star in his forehead, his off hind foot white, but neither dockt nor branded. A bay, about 14 hands high, 5 years old, and branded on the near buttock *W*, with something above the *W* which cannot be made out. Posted and appraised, the dark brown to 40l. and the bay to 30l.

John Ralls, jun.

TAKEN up in *Southampton*, a roan mare about 12 years old, 4 feet 3 inches high, has a small lump on her right eye, a few saddle spots, her mane trimmed close when she came into the neighbourhood, which was about last *Christmas*, is dockt, but not branded. Posted, and appraised to 7l. 10s. *Henry Westbrooke.*

To be SOLD at Port Royal, *on* Friday *the* 15*th of* August,

THE sloop BETSEY, with her rigging, sails, anchor, cables, *&c*, burthen about 3500 bushels of grain. The sloop wants considerable repairs; but her rigging, cables, *&c*. are good. The whole will be sold together, or separately, for cash, or on credit, as may be agreed upon. Apply to mr. *Robert Gilchrist*, merchant.

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PHILADELPHIA, *July* 22.

Copy of a Letter from General St. Clair *to Congress, dated* Fort Edward, *July* 14, 1777.

SIR,

CONGRESS may probably think it extraordinary that ſo much time ſhould have elapſed before they heard from me, after a ſtep of ſuch conſequence as the evacuation of the poſts that had been intruſted to my care; but it was not in my power to write whilſt on the march to this place. I am ſorry to find that my letter to general Schuyler, the night the evacuation took place, has not come to his hands, as for want of that, though he has doubtleſs informed Congreſs of the matter, he could not give them the reaſons that induced it. They were theſe:

Seeing that the poſts of Ticonderoga and Mount Independence were nearly inveſted, and having intelligence by my ſpies that they would be completely ſo in 24 hours, when we ſhould be cut off from all poſſibility of ſuccour, that the batteries of the enemy were ready to open, and the whole of our encampment on the Ticonderoga ſide expoſed to their fire, conſidering at the ſame time the weakneſs of the garriſon, that the effective numbers were not ſufficient to mann one half of the works, and that conſequently the whole muſt be upon conſtant duty, which they could not poſſibly long ſuſtain, and that of courſe the places, with the garriſon, muſt inevitably in a very few days fall into the enemy's hands, I ſaw no alternative but endeavouring to evacuate them, and bring off the army; whereupon I called the general officers together, to take their ſentiments: They were unanimouſly of opinion that the places ſhould be evacuated, without the leaſt loſs of time, and it was accordingly ſet about that night, the 5th inſtant. After embarking in boats as much of our cannon, proviſions, and ſtores, as was poſſible, with the boats which were ordered to Skeenſborough, I ſent col. Long, an active, diligent, and good officer, to take the command there, with his regiment and the invalids, until I ſhould join him with the army, which was to march to that place by Caſtleton. The body of the army reached Caſtleton the next evening, 30 miles from Ticonderoga, and 12 from Skeenſborough; but the rear guard, under the command of col. Warner, which, with the ſtragglers and infirm, amounted to near 1200, ſtopped ſhort at that place ſix miles, and were next morning attacked by a ſtrong detachment the enemy had ſent to hang upon our rear and retard our march. Two regiments of militia who had left us the evening before, and had halted about two miles from col. Warner, were immediately ordered to his aſſiſtance, but to my great ſurpriſe they marched directly down to me; at the ſame time I received information that the enemy were in poſſeſſion of Skeenſborough, and had cut off all our boats and armed veſſels. This obliged me to change my route, that I might not be put betwixt two fires, and at the ſame time be able to bring off col. Warner, to whom I ſent orders, if he found the enemy too ſtrong, to retreat to Rutland, where he would find me to cover him, that place lying nearly at an equal diſtance from both. Before my orders reached him his party was diſperſed, after having for a conſiderable time ſuſtained a very warm engagement, in which the enemy ſuffered ſo much that they purſued but a ſmall diſtance. Our loſs I cannot aſcertain, but believe it does not exceed 40 killed and wounded. About 200 of the party have joined me at Rutland and ſince, but a great numbers of them are ſtill miſſing, and I ſuſpect have got down into New England by the way of Number Four. After a very fatiguing march of ſeven days, in which the army ſuffered much from bad weather and want of proviſions, I joined general Schuyler the 12th inſtant.

It was my original plan to retreat to this place, that I might be betwixt general Burgoyne and the inhabitants, and that the militia might have ſomething in this quarter to collect to. It is now effected, and the militia are coming in, ſo that I have the moſt ſanguine hopes that the progreſs of the enemy will be checked, and I may yet have the ſatisfaction to experience, that although I have loſt a poſt I have eventually ſaved a ſtate. Perhaps I may be cenſured, by thoſe who are unacquainted with the ſituation I was in, for not calling the militia ſooner to my aſſiſtance. I think I informed Congreſs that I could not do that for want of proviſions; and as ſoon as I got a ſupply I did call for them, and was joined by near 900 the day before the evacuation, but they came from home ſo ill provided, that they could not, nor did not, propoſe to ſtay with me but a few days. The two Maſſachuſetts regiments of militia likewiſe, which compoſed part of the garriſon, gave me notice that their time expired in two days, and they intended then to go home. In vain did I beg of their officers to exert every influence they had over them, and from their ſubſequent behaviour I am fully perſuaded the officers are moſt to blame. They kept with me, however, for two days on the march, but their conduct was ſo deceptious and diſorderly, and their example beginning to affect the continental troops, I was conſtrained to ſend them off.

Incloſed is a copy of the council of war, in which you will find the principles upon which the retreat was undertaken. As I found all the general officers ſo fully of opinion that it ſhould be done immediately, I forbore to mention to them many circumſtances which might have influenced them, and which I ſhould have laid before them had they been of different ſentiments; for I was, and ſtill am, ſo firmly convinced of the neceſſity, as well as the propriety of it, that I believe I ſhould have ventured upon it, had they been every one againſt it.

I have the utmoſt confidence in the candour of Congreſs, and perſuade myſelf, notwithſtanding the loſs they have ſuſtained, when they have impartially conſidered that I was poſted with little more than 2000 men in a place that required 10,000 to defend it, that theſe 2000 were ill equipped, and worſe armed, not above one bayonet in ten, an arm eſſential in the defence of lines, that with theſe 2000 I have made good a retreat from under the noſe of an army at leaſt four times their number, and have them now betwixt the enemy and the country, ready to act againſt them, that my conduct will appear at leaſt not deſerving cenſure.

I have the honour to be, &c.

AR. ST. CLAIR.

P. S. The enemy's force, from the beſt accounts, is 3500 Britiſh, 4000 Brunſwick and Heſſe Hanau, 200 Indians, and 200 Canadians.

The Hon. John Hancock, *eſq;*

At a Council of General Officers held at Ticonderoga, *July* 5, 1777, *preſent Major General* St. Clair, *Brigadier General* De Roche Fermoy, *Brigadier General* Poor, *Brigadier General* Patterſon, *and Colonel Commandant* Long.

GENERAL St. Clair repreſented to the council, that as there is reaſon to believe that the batteries of the enemy are ready to open upon the Ticonderoga ſide, and that the camp is very much expoſed to their fire, and to be enfiladed on all quarters, and as there is alſo reaſon to expect an attack upon Ticonderoga and Mount Independence at the ſame time, in which caſe neither could draw any ſupport from the other, he deſires their opinion whether it would be moſt proper to remove the troops to the low ground, where they would be leſs expoſed, and wait the attack at the Ticonderoga lines, or whether the whole of the troops ſhould be drawn over to Mount Independence, the more effectually to provide for the defiance of that poſt.

At the ſame time the general begged leave to inform them, that the whole of our force conſiſted of 2080 effective rank and file, including 124 artificers unarmed, beſides the corps of artillery, and about 900 militia that have joined us, and cannot ſtay but a few days.

The council were unanimouſly of opinion, that it is impoſſible with our forces to defend Ticonderoga and Mount Independence; and that the troops, cannon, and ſtores, ſhould be removed this night, if poſſible, to Mount Independence.

2d. Whether, after the diviſion of the army at Ticonderoga ſhall have reached Mount Independence, we ſhall be in a ſituation to defend that poſt; or, if that it cannot be defended, if a retreat into the country will be practicable.

The council are unanimouſly of opinion, that as the enemy have already nearly ſurrounded us, and there remains nothing more to inveſt us completely but their occupying the neck of land betwixt the lakes and the eaſt creek, which is not more than three quarters of a mile over, and poſſeſſing themſelves of the narrows betwixt us and Skeenſborough, and thereby cutting off all communication with the country, a retreat ought to be undertaken as ſoon as poſſible, and that we ſhall be very fortunate to effect it.

A. ST. CLAIR, Maj. Gen.
DE ROCHE FERMOY, B. G.
EBEN. POOR, B. G.
JOHN PATTERSON, B. G.
Signed, COLONEL COMMANDANT LONG.

A true copy taken from the original.

ISAAC SIDDONS DUNN, A. D. C.

Publiſhed by order of Congreſs.

CHARLES THOMSON, ſec'ry.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

I PURPOSE embarking in a few weeks from *Europe*, and ſhould be glad to purchaſe bills of exchange of undoubted credit, or to negotiate them for any one who is deſirous of having their money laid out in the purchaſe of goods; or I would take any ſum of ſpecie to be appropriated in the ſame manner, and have the goods ſhipped at the cuſtomary freight, commiſſion, and incidental charges; or I will inſure the money at 50 *per cent*, and ſuch commiſſion and freight as may be agreed on; and in caſe of loſs either of the ſpecie or of the goods in their paſſage out, I will give undoubted ſecurity for the payment of the money in ſix months after the loſs is aſcertained, in the currency of the ſtate, or, if more agreeable, in ſpecie again, as ſoon as it can be had, allowing 5 *per cent* intereſt until it is paid. Any perſon who is willing to come into either of the above propoſals will be pleaſed to apply to mr. *William Anderſon of Hanover*, mr. *Thomas Pleaſants* of *Henrico*, or

Their humble ſervant,

THOMAS SHORE.

SIR I have appointed mr. *Chriſtopher M'Connico* my attorney, who will carry on the buſineſs of *Shore* and *M'Connico* as heretofore.

To be SOLD to the highest bidders, on Tuesday the 12th of August, on the plantation of Reuben Harrison, deceased, about 5 miles above King & Queen court-house, for ready money,

A CONSIDERABLE part of the personal effects of the said *Harrison*, consisting of a quantity of very good household and kitchen furniture, together with a very valuable still, and best part of the stock of cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses, amongst which are two very fine blooded mares and colts. The creditors are desired to bring in their accounts, properly proved, on or before the day of sale.

(2) THOMAS GARLAND, } adm.
HENRY GARLAND, }

WHEREAS I purchased a tract of land lying on *Appomattox* river, in the county of *King William*, of mr. *Thomas Moore*, which formerly belonged to his father, col. *Thomas Moore*, deceased, and gave my bonds for the purchase money, on which a suit has been entered against me, *Moore* and myself in the county court of *King William*, in chancery, by the administrators of *John Robinson*, esq. deceased, to forbid me attach the money in my hands in order to satisfy a debt due to the said estate from col. *Thomas Moore*. I therefore give this public notice of it, to prevent any payments of my bonds, as I am advised I cannot safely pay the money to any person but the said bonds, until the said suit is determined.

CARTER BRAXTON.

Petersburg, July 15, 1777.

THE subscribers have for sale about 6000 acres of land near the old town of *Pittsylvania*, in the county of *Pittsylvania*, which is in the county still full from 40s. to 3l. per acre, on which are several small settlements and plantations; also 6000 acres on the *Western* and branches of *Hyco* and *Dan* rivers, in the county of *Halifax*, on which are likewise several small plantations and improvements. Also 6000 acres in the county of *Mecklenburg*, in different parts of that county. Likewise several small tracts of land in the counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Amelia*, containing about 400 and 500 acres each.

(2) ROGER ATKINSON.

TAKEN up in *Dinwiddie*, a dark bay horse about seven years old, 4 feet 2 inches high, has a star in the forehead, some white under the forlock of the off hind foot, but is neither docked nor branded. Posted, and appraised to 8l.

William Mosby.

TAKEN up in *Spotsylvania*, a bay mare about 10 years old, with a small star in her forehead, her right hind leg has been broke below the hock, has a remarkable long mane, a switch tail, and branded on the near shoulder, as near as I can make out, M L. Posted, and appraised to 6l.

Thomas Magee, jun.

TAKEN up in *Henrico*, about 5 miles above the town of *Richmond*, a roan horse about 10 years old, about 4 feet 8 inches high, has a bell on, is branded on the near shoulder W, on the off shoulder I, on the near buttock M, and on the off buttock C or G. Posted, and appraised to 13l.

William Burton.

TAKEN up in *Henrico*, near *Four Mile creek*, a bay horse 4 feet 6 or 7 inches high, 14 or 15 years old, has a small star in his forehead, a small white spot on his breast, some saddle spots, but is not branded.

John James Woodfin.

TAKEN up in *James City* county, near the college, a young bay horse about 14 hands high, has lost his left eye, neither docked nor branded, paces, trots, and gallops, and has a sore back of spunt. Posted, and appraised to 16l.

William Cole, jun.

On Monday the 11th of August will be sold to the highest bidder, for ready money, or tobacco at the then current price, at the subscribers store in Petersburg,

VARIOUS articles of haberdashery, millinery, hardware, cutlery, tin, stone, and glass wares, also several barrels of brown sugar, a quantity of bar iron, steel, grindstones, linseed oil, allspice, ginger, gunpowder, gun flints, writing paper, *Dutch* holland, calimanco, quilts, silk patterns for gowns, green *French* cloth and trimmings, one *India* patch, some tartar, rhubarb, *Epsom* salts, &c. &c. &c. The sale will continue from day to day until all is sold.

SHORE & M'CONNICO.

FOR sale, at the subscriber's store in *Williamsburg*, a large assortment of GOODS, among which are the following articles, viz. Damask silk, striped dimities, scarlet, blue, and white casimir cloth, fine cambrick, lawn, fine white linen, black lace, black silk, silk, cotton, and thread pocket handkerchiefs, silk and thread stockings, silk and leather gloves, calico, combs, writing paper, needles, pins, osnaburgs, hats, watch crystals, pepper, and spices of all kinds, tea, white sugar, &c. &c.

W. MATHEWS.

*** I have for sale, at *Suffolk*, good *West India RUM*, and fine brown *SUGAR*.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Spotsylvania*, on the 5th instant (*July*) *Matthew Bright*, an *English* indented man about 35 or 40 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches high, of a dark complexion, dark hair and eyes, and is somewhat gray and bald. He had on, and took with him, a brown coloured broadcloth coat and waistcoat, much worn, an old felt hat, country made cotton shirt, old shoes, and linen trousers. Whoever secures the said runaway, so that I get him again, shall have Ten Dollars reward.—It is very probable he may have enlisted with some recruiting officer, by pretending that he was a freeman.

JOHN HOLLADAY, jun.

LOUDOUN county, *June* 21, 1777.

RUN away from the subscriber, last night, two convict servants men, *viz. DAVID HINDS*, an *Irishman*, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, pitted with the smallpox, hath a small scar or dent on his chin, short black curled hair, and is a little round shouldered; he is by trade a ropemaker, and hath formerly been a sailor. Had on when he went away a tow shirt, country cloth jacket, and breeches that he wore last winter (they are kersey wove) old shoes and stockings, and a felt hat. He took with him other clothing, which I cannot describe, and a *Dutch* blanket. *GEORGE DORMON* (alias *Holdernest*) born in *London*, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, slim made, has grey eyes, and short light coloured hair; had on when he went away a new tow shirt and trousers, and a straw hat. He was inoculated for the smallpox about 3 weeks before he went off, had very few pocks, but the inflammation in his arm was not quite well when he went away. I have reason to believe they will change their dress and endeavour to pass for soldiers, and will, I am certain, enlist as such the first opportunity. All recruiting officers, and others, are forbid enlisting or employing them. I will give 5 *DOLLARS* for each to have them secured in any jail, so that I get them again, or 15 *DOLLARS* for each or either of them if brought home, and all reasonable expenses, including what the law allows. They are artful villains, and if taken up will get away if they are not well secured.

SAMUEL LOVE, jun.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Surry* county, *North Carolina*, a negro man named *JAMES* about 50 years old, 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, and was formerly the property of *John Poindexter* of *New Kent* county, *Virginia*. Also a middle sized negro fellow named *WILL*, about 30 years old, remarkably black, stutters much when he is spoken, and was formerly the property of col. *Chiswell*. Whoever apprehends the said runaways and brings them to me, or secures them so that I get them again, shall be amply rewarded.

THOMAS POINDEXTER.

FREDERICKSBURG, *July* 7, 1777.

STRAYED or STOLEN out of the continental pasture, the 24th of *June*, a sorrel horse branded on the near shoulder I H, and on the near buttock C P. Whoever delivers him to me shall have 5 dollars reward.—At the same time received from *Michael Robinson*, jun. a dark bay horse with some white hairs, and branded on the near buttock B. He is appraised to 13l. and supposed to be continental property.

THOMAS ALLEN.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Williamsburg*, the 16th of *June* last, a young negro fellow named JOHN, about 6 feet high, 17 years old, well grown, with remarkable long feet, and has lost one tooth before. He is about mr. *Samuel Thomas*'s in *Warwick* county, where he has a father and grandmother, and other relations; and I understand trades from thence to *Hampton*, and I imagine passes as a free fellow. Whoever brings him to me shall have 7 *DOLLARS* reward.

ROBEY COKE.

To be SOLD at Richmond, *on Monday the 4th of* August, *it being court day,*

A LARGE assortment of superfine *BROADCLOTHS*, among which are deep and light blues, *London* brown, scarlet, green, buff, and a variety of mixed colours, with suitable trimmings, several pieces of *NANKEENS*, black *PEPPER*, and two hhds. of good *West India RUM*. Any gentlemen inclinable to purchase at private sale may know the terms by applying to the subscriber, at *Rocky Ridge*.

BERNARD MARKHAM.

For SALE,

A TRACT of LAND, containing 400 acres, in the county of *Dinwiddie*, on *Nottaway* river, near *Low*, *Jones's* bridge, and within 35 miles of *Petersburg*. The land is good for tobacco and all kinds of grain, there are about 150 acres of choice low grounds, a charming apple orchard, and a tolerable dwelling-house 28 by 16, together with kitchen, dairy, smokehouse, &c. For terms apply to the subscriber on the premises.

JOHN GLORYTON.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of col. *Joseph Hutchings*, deceased, are requested to pay off their respective accounts; and those who have any demands against the said estate are desired to make them known, to

JOHN HUTCHINGS, }
MATTHEW PHRIPP, } exec.

RUN away the 17th of *June* last, from my plantation near the *Pignut* ridge, in *Fauquier* county, a mulatto man named BAKER HAZARD. He had on a fearnought jacket, with the under part of the sleeves of white country cloth, a pair of leather breeches, and a brown shirt. He is of the middle stature, and has a forward impudent countenance. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him to my overseer, shall receive a reward of 5l. over the allowance made by law, or the 5l. for apprehending and securing him in a jail, and giving notice thereof to (4) JOHN SCOTT.

RED SEALING WAX *and* WAFERS, *fine* BLACK LEAD PENCILS, *Quarto* POST PAPER, SPELLING BOOKS, PRIMERS, *&c. &c. to be sold at the* POST OFFICE, Williamsburg.